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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: STOESSEL STATEMENT AT RESTRICTED
MEETING, OCTOBER 23, 1975

TTBT/PNE MESSAGE NO. 68

1. FOLLOWING IS STOESSEL STATEMENT AT 4:00 PM RESTRICTED MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 1975.

BEGIN TEXT:

MR. MINISTER, THE US SIDE CONTINUES TO BE WILLING TO CONSIDER THE
IDEA OF JOINT DESIGN WORK ON VERIFICATION EQUIPMENT PERTINENT TO
THE PNE TREATY.

HOWEVER, ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION ACQUIRED TO THIS MOMENT, WE
SEE NO PROSPECT OF ESTABLISHING A JOINT DESIGN FOR ON-SITE YIELD
MEASURING EQUIPMENT IN THE TIME REMAINING TO US.

FURTHER, THE US SIDE IS NOT WILLING TO BASE AN AGREEMENT ON THE
ASSUMPTION THAT A SATISFACTORY JOINT DESIGN WILL BE ESTABLISHED,
OR THAT A SATISFACTORY JOINT DESIGN WILL BE ESTABLISHED ON OR
BEFORE ANY CERTAIN DATE.

UNLESS ONE SIDE WISHES TO ADOPT THE DESIGN OF THE OTHER SIDE

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IMMEDIATELY, IT SEEMS TO US THAT THERE ARE ONLY TWO PRACTICAL

ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE IN THE TIME REMAINING:

(1) TO PROVIDE FOR USE BY THE VERIFYING SIDE OF EQUIPMENT AND PROCEDURES SATISFACTORY TO THAT SIDE; OR

(2) TO PLACE A MORATORIUM ON GROUP EXPLOSIONS UNTIL MUTUALLY-SATISFACTORY EQUIPMENT DESIGNS AND PROCEDURES ARE ESTABLISHED.

THE US SIDE WOULD PREFER THE FIRST ALTERNATIVE.

WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT USE BY THE SOVIET SIDE OF YIELD MEASURING EQUIPMENT OF THE SOVIET SIDE IN CONNECTION WITH US EXPLOSIONS UNDER PROCUDURES SET FORTH IN THE US DRAFT.

MR. MINISTER, ON A MORE GENERAL NOTE, MY LEAVE PLANS ARE NOW FIRM. I ANTICIPATE THAT I SHALL BE AWAY FROM MOSOW FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. IT IS MY JUDGMENT, AND ONE WHICH I BELIEVE YOU SHARE, THAT THE GUIDANCE WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE OUR DELEGATIONS BASED ON OUR VERY USEFUL AND FRANK DISCUSSIONS PROVIDES A SOUND BASIS FOR THE TWO DELEGATIONS TO CONTINUE THE TASK OF DEVELOPING AD REFERENDUM JOINT DRAFT LANGUAGE.

HOWEVER, BASED ON THE REPORT I RECEIVED ABOUT THE WORKING GROUP II SESSION THIS MORNING I MUST CONFESS THAT SOME MEASURE OF MISUNDERSTANDING APPARENTLY REMAINS AS TO WHAT YOU AND I DECIDED SHOULD BE DONE.

LET ME REVIEW THE GUIDANCE THAT I HAVE PROVIDED TO THE US DELEGATION BASED ON OUR DISCUSSIONS: IT SIMPLY IS THIS, THAT ALL TEXTUAL MATERIALS THAT HAVE BEEN PUT FORWARD BY EITHER SIDE ARE TO BE REVIEWED BY THE EXPERTS TO DEVELOP TO THE DEGREE POSSIBLE AD REFERENDUM JOINT DRAFT LANGUAGE.

THIS APPLIES TO EVERY WORD AND EVERY PROVISION, AND CERTAINLY INCLUDESUS DRAFT PROTOCOL II.

WHEN THIS TASK HAS BEEN COMPLETED, AND EVERY ESSENTIAL PROVISION--INCLUDING ALL ITS DETAILS--DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE US HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE DRAFT LANGUAGE IN EXPLICIT TERMS, EVEN THOUGH POSSIBLY BRACKETED, WE CAN THEN ADDRESS ANY CONSIDERTATIONS YOU
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MIGHT HAVE AS TO THE POSSIBLE FORM FOR PACKAGING AND PRESENTING THIS LANGUAGE.

AS YOU KNOW MY ABSENCE IN NO WAY INDICATES ANY LACK OF INTEREST ON THE PART OF MY AUTHORITIES IN THE PROGRESS OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS. US INTEREST IN A POSITIVE AND PROMPT OUTCOME OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS REMAINS OF THE FIRST ORDER.

MY AUTHORITIES TRUST THAT WORTHWHILE WORK WILL CONTINUE WHILE I AM
AWAY, AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT DR. BUCHHEIM AND THE OTHER MEMBERS
OF THE US DELEGATION ARE PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR JOINT
TASK IN A POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE WAY SO AS TO ENSURE THIS.

THANK YOU.

END TEXT.
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